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BED LINEN AND GENERAL CLEANLINESS IN THE RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways is contemplating to do away with the process of tendering to select the contractors for bed linen and general cleanliness;

(b) if so, the reasons and details thereof;

(c) since when the practice has been in existence and the position prior to contractor system; and

(d) the other system adopted by the Railways to replace the existing system to provide better passenger services?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The management of different components of bedroll services is either managed departmentally or on contract basis since its introduction. The activities of cleanliness which were earlier managed departmentally are now being outsourced gradually both in trains and at major stations.